This listing of the claims will replace all prior versions, and listings of claims in the application.

In the Claims

1.   (Currently amended) A gaming machine system for playing a bonusing event comprising;

at least two gaming machines linked together

said gaming machines linked to an interactive sign

said interactive sign comprising a bonusing event;

said bonusing event played on said interactive sign.

2.   (Original) The gaming machine system of claim 1 wherein a player reaches said bonusing event based upon symbols appearing on said gaming machine.

3.   (Original) The gaming machine system of claim 1 wherein a player reaches said bonusing event based upon number of coins placed in a specific gaming machine.

4.   (Original) The gaming machine system of claim 1 wherein a player reaches said bonusing event based upon number of coins entered in all linked gaming machines.

5.   (Original) The gaming machine system of claim 1 wherein a bonus award is supplemental to an original award at said gaming machine.

6.   (Currently amended) The gaming machine system of claim 5 wherein said

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bonus award is cash, a prize, [redeemable for services,] currency, or discounts [or other goods of value].

7. (Original) The gaming machine system of claim 1 further comprising a device for alerting a player when they are entering said bonusing event.

8. (Original) The gaming system of claim 5 wherein said bonus award is generated from a percentage of total coins placed into all gaming machines which are linked to said interactive sign.

9. (Original) The gaming system of claim 1 further comprising a mechanism linked to said interactive sign which allows a player to operate said bonusing event from any of said gaming machines linked to said interactive sign.

10. (Original) The gaming system of claim 1 further comprising a dispenser for dispensing tickets, papers or cards.

11. (Original) The gaming system of claim 10 wherein said tickets, papers or cards entitles a user to play said bonusing event on a separate gaming machine.

12. (Original) The gaming system of claim 1 wherein at least two gaming machines enter said bonusing event during same play.

13. (Currently Amended) [The gaming system of claim 1] A gaming machine system comprising:

at least two gaming machines linked together, said gaming machines linked to an interactive sign said interactive sign

said interactive sign comprising a bonusing event;

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wherein players playing said linked gaming machines who enter said bonusing event compete against each other at said bonusing event.

14. (Original) The gaming system of claim 1 wherein said gaming machines are selected from the group consisting of slot machines, video poker, video bingo and video keno.

15. (Original) The gaming system of claim 1 wherein said bonusing event is a wheel which has various monetary denominations around it.

16. (Original) The gaming system of claim 1 wherein said bonusing event is an LCD Screen where a player plays one on one with a casino dealer on said screen.

17. (Original) The gaming system of claim 1 wherein said bonusing event is a ferris wheel that unloads coins when one of said linked gaming machines triggers said bonusing event.

18. (Original) The gaming system of claim 1 further comprising:

a video monitor at each of said gaming machines.

19. (Currently amended) A process for entering a bonusing event comprising;

placing a coin in a gaming machine

said gaming machine linked to at least one other gaming machine and an interactive sign;

said interactive sign comprising a bonusing event;

playing a game on said gaming machine;

alerting a player if they have entered said bonusing event;

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playing said bonusing event <u>on said interactive sign</u> if a player enters said

bonusing event.

20.   (Original) The process of claim 19 further comprising, dispensing a ticket

or card when a player enters said bonusing event.

21.   (Original) The process of claim 19 further comprising;

generating a bonus prize from a percentage of total coins placed into all

participating gaming machines.